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Students experience Wi-Fi woes

BY JACOB BATTE
The Daily Mississippian

The University of Mississippi wireless network has been a frustrating topic for students since it first began roughly three years ago. Students complain of problems with major websites such as Facebook, ESPN and Twitter, as well websites used for school, including Blackboard and MySpanishLab.

According to a map posted on the Information Technology (IT) website, Ole Miss wireless Internet is not offered in several buildings on campus, including Bondurant Hall, Bishop Hall, Isom Hall, Shoemaker Hall, Hume Hall, and Coulter Hall. The Wi-Fi also does not extend to the Circle. “Overall, the wireless Internet at Ole Miss isn’t that good.” Michael Curvey, a junior exercise science major,

said. “There are weak spots on campus everywhere and some buildings don’t even have wireless. Coulter doesn’t even have Ole Miss Wireless. It has its own generic router.” Of all of the complaints about Ole Miss wireless, most of them seem to deal with the quality and consistency of the Internet in housing around campus. “I live in Campus Walk, and the Internet here is very shod-

dy.” Curvey said. “Sometimes it will be fine, but that’s only during the middle of the day when no one is here and late at night past midnight when most people are starting to go to bed. It could definitely be a lot better.” Curvey said when the Internet goes down, there are consequences. “There are many times here

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UM students to kayak Miss. River for local charity



KATE ANTHONY | The Daily Mississippian

Ole Miss students Rob Treppendahl and Bowman Hitchens plan to take a 60-day journey down the Mississippi River this summer to raise money for Interfaith Compassion Ministries in Oxford.

BY SARAH FREEMAN
The Daily Mississippian

Ole Miss students Bowman Hitchens and Rob Treppendahl will take a 60-day journey down the Mississippi River this summer to raise \$50,000 for Interfaith Compassion Ministries in Oxford. This is no ordinary trip. It’s a trip only about 10 people complete a year. They will start at Lake Itasca, Minn. and end in New Orleans. The first 100 miles of the river are spent completely in wilderness and are mapped by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Hitchens and Treppendahl said they will not be able to kayak the whole way. They will be portaging their kayaks over still water, around the 29 locks and dams between Minneapolis and St. Louis and cutting their way through rice fields. There are times when the river is only three feet wide. The trip was planted in Hitchens’ heart this summer as he was hiking the Colorado Trail, he said.

“Throughout the journey, I felt like doing a fundraiser was what I was called to do, specifically something huge and inexpensive, but still something that was a sacrifice.” Hitchens said. “When I finished my trip, Rob and I met up and I told him I felt like God was calling me to something big, and I think he was calling him to come with me.” They will be kayaking alongside two friends from Louisiana State University, Max Zoghby and David Bonniott. Zoghby and Bonniott will be kayaking to raise \$50,000 as well, for The Gardere School in Baton Rouge, which helps give impoverished children a quality education. The team will be documenting the entire trip. They hope to make a documentary and enter it into film festivals to raise awareness for homelessness and impoverished children. “One of our main goals is, of course, to raise money for these two ministries, but also to empower and inspire others in their own community to take some ownership of the things that are

going on in their community and to make a difference,” Treppendahl said. The group has been planning the trip since August, but fundraising for the trip did not begin until March 1. So far, their official sponsors are Ole Miss Outdoors, Emileigh’s Kitchen and Gulf Coast Solar. Gulf Coast Solar has donated a solar panel to charge their electronics. Emileigh’s Kitchen will host a fundraising event for the team in the near future, and Ole Miss Outdoors has donated four sea kayaks, the paddles and tents. “We really appreciate how Ole Miss Outdoors wants to be a part of this and is supporting us as students of the University, but also, that they want to give back to their community,” Hitchens said. The team will not receive any profit from sponsorships. All proceeds will go directly to Interfaith Compassion Ministries, which will use all of the money raised to help the homeless.

“We know this trip is not about us, and we don’t want to make this trip about us,” Hitchens said. “We simply want to provide community members the opportunity to help other people that live in their communities and through that they can help sponsor our trip because the money is going directly back into the communities.” Their trip down the river is 2,300 miles long. Treppendahl said they will take approximately 765 strokes for each mile. Hitchens said they will be preparing physically, spiritually and mentally for the journey. “I know this trip is going to have a lot of magnitude and the next few months are going to be very transitional and huge,” Treppendahl said. “So we’re just preparing for wherever God leads us. I know this is going to change our lives.” The team has its own website, awakeinthecurrent.com, a Facebook page, a Twitter page and a blog, and encourages people to visit and donate.

this week

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SWAN LAKE

The Russian National Ballet is bringing its acclaimed production of “Swan Lake” to the Ford Center for one show on March 4. With music by Tchaikovsky, “Swan Lake” is based on a German fairy tale and follows the heroic young Prince Siegfried as he labors to free the beautiful swan maiden, Odette, from an evil sorcerer’s spell.

Tickets are likely to sell out. The Ford Center will take tickets that will not be used and make a donation in the ticketholder’s name. 8 p.m. \$20 Mezzanine/ Balcony (Gen. Adm.) Orchestra/Parterre tickets are sold out.

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A Little Revolution



BY BRANDON
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Columnist

Thomas Jefferson said, “I hold it that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing, and is as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical.” Research says he said this in a letter to James Madison during Shay’s Rebellion back in 1787.

Lately, we’ve been seeing a lot of little rebellion in places few people probably ever expected to see it: Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Yemen and Jordan. In the first three cases, we have seen the overthrowing (or close to it, in Libya’s case) of autocratic regimes with 30 years or more in power. And they didn’t even give them a gold watch as a parting gift!

Jefferson says that all of this is good — that those countries’ populations getting riled up and forcing a change in their governments ensures their liberties are preserved in the most basic way.

“And what country can preserve its liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to

time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms. The remedy is to set them right as to facts, pardon and pacify them. What signify a few lives lost in a century or two? The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure.”

What, then, would he think of the United States in the 145th year since the end of the Civil War? Especially considering the first part of that above quote is “God forbid we should ever be 20 years without such a rebellion,” again a reference to Shay’s Rebellion.

We have gone 145 years with the biggest source of contention and vitriol in our society coming biennially and quadrennially at election time.

And if we’re honest with ourselves, Swift Boaters and Glenn Beck’s weepy conspiracy theories about the origins and opinions about certain candidates

don’t hold a candle to the level of mudslinging that Jefferson faced when he ran for president in 1800.

Now, before you tear off down University Avenue to warn the FBI that I’m a deranged, left-wing terrorist in the making, let me say right now, flat-out, that I’m not interested in leading, inciting or participating in a rebellion against the lawfully elected government of the United States, nor do I want the South to rise again.

At the same time, I would like to ask if you think we’re stuck in a rut as a country, especially after the last 20 years.

Consider:

1991 — The president is a Republican, and we’re in a war in the Middle East and trying to deal with a recession.

1993 — The presidency goes to a Democrat who starts trying to “reform” things all over the place.

1994 — Control of Congress

is given to the Republicans, who take to notions of “reform” about as well as slugs take to salt.

2001 — The presidency goes back to a Republican, and we go back to the Middle East to blow some stuff up.

2008 — We have a nice, shiny, new recession.

2009 — The presidency goes back to a Democrat who, again, starts trying to “reform” things all over the place.

2011 — Congress is given back to the Republicans who want to roll back every reform.

It’s cyclical, it’s cynical and it’s boring.

We need some excitement injected into our politics, and, no, the Tea Party doesn’t count. They’re not exciting — they’re just scary.

I don’t know how to do it, but I do know it needs doing. Somebody smarter than me, get on this!

Bring on the Intellectual Revolution!

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Abstinence-only education programs are destroying our children



BY AMELIA CAMURATI
Opinion Editor

A few years ago, I was randomly selected to live with a marketing major from New Orleans.

Other than the fact that we are both incredibly neurotic, we also shared a love of something very bizarre: "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

Now, for those of you who have missed the trend, this is the only spin-off still in production by NBC (as Criminal Intent was moved to USA). The creepy part is that it's the most twisted and demented of the three series.

The show focuses on the trials and tribulations of detectives Olivia Benson and Elliot Stabler while they canvas the streets of New York City, looking for every pedophile, rapist,

child molester and serial killer they can find.

We would spend hours on the couch for "lazy Sunday," which almost always included an all-day marathon of SVU on USA.

I'm pretty desensitized as a whole, but recently, I watched an episode that made me think more than average television does.

In the season nine episode "Unorthodox," Andrew Gould (Shane Botwin of Weeds) plays an 11-year-old boy who raped three girls and one boy. He had little paternal contact and no mother, so he was mostly left to his own devices in the confines of his room from dawn to dusk.

The defense insisted that he learned this behavior from the media and that none of his actions were under his control because the big, bad television had taken over his brain.

During his testimony, he claimed he was unaware that the other children wanted to stop. He was also determined that was how sex works: pris-

on-style with restraints and swearing.

Now, let's think about this for a second. Did the porn star come out of the computer, hold a gun to his head and make him have sex in the same tantalizing positions seen in his pornography? No, he did not.

The problem lies within the abstinence-only teaching that is going on in most public schools; children and young adults are not taught how to deal with the sexual pressures of life.

"Ignore it, and it will go away" was a famed sentence in my Catholic prep school.

Either school authority figures are too naive to believe that kids are going to do what they want, or they just don't care enough to teach the material because it makes them and the parents uncomfortable.

In 2009, Mississippi had the highest rate of teen pregnancies in the country. How did Mississippi decide to combat this rising number? Abstinence-only education.

Rates are also on the rise in Alaska, with Sarah Palin promoting the abstinence program like a shooting range.

The Mississippi school system goes a step further. Not only do they teach no sex until marriage exclusively, but the law also prohibits teachers from discussing the possibility of contraceptives or demonstrating how to use them safely.

When I was young, I went to a mother-daughter class at the local (Catholic) hospital to learn about puberty and sex.

Well, all I remember is begging for a t-shirt with "Good girls wait" on the front, but I know exactly what that lecture was about.

I was taught from a young age that sex is a disgusting and dirty act that men think about all day, every day, and that our job as women is to control their urges.

The media enforces sex as a natural behavior because it is. The media also informs us of the less-than-desirable acts people commit as a warning,

not a how-to guide.

To a child with no sex education past his laptop, the two images are the same behavior.

I don't think that our children need to learn about the mechanics at such a young age, but they do need to be told by either their educators or their parents about how to deal with the graphic sexual content that they will come into contact with every day.

There is nothing wrong with sex, but when put in the hands of an immature 11-year-old with no mother and a creative imagination, it turns into a deadly weapon.

The abstinence-only policy is depriving our children of the educational information that they need and deserve and is endangering their lives. Without the information, they don't know that unprotected sex can damage lives in more ways than one.

Whether the outcome is pregnancy, STDs or a ruined self-image, abstinence-only programs are destroying the youth of this country.

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

As a previous Ole Miss Idol contestant and experienced singer, I attended the Ole Miss Idol competition yesterday evening to be entertained and to cheer on many talented singers. I know how nerve-racking it can be to get up on stage, sing your heart out and pray you will hit that high note at the end.

As an outsider and a completely unbiased viewer this time around, I am honestly appalled to see whom the judges have elected to participate in the finals. What I thought was a legitimate singing competition turned out to be a popularity contest and an ASB publicity stunt.

The ones who made it are not bad singers, but the better ones (and the ones not as well known on campus) were cut. I can understand how the judge from Rebel Radio has any credibility, but have the other judges actually had any singing lessons or experience?

I would not be surprised if the female finalists were coincidentally in the same sorority as some of the judges.

Then again, maybe the judges don't actually vote, and the ASB as a group selects the contestants who will bring in the most audience members. At the end of the day, Ole Miss Idol is a PR campaign for the ASB, so of course the more people who attend the better. The singers with the biggest following will go on to the finals.

I witnessed many audience members and other singers condemn one gentleman who was cut that was indistinguishably the best singer there, no doubt. Why it is so hard to promote a fair competition?

As for me, I will not be attending the final round or any future competitions. I can only hope next year's competition will be more accurate. My heart goes out to the amazing singers who deserved to make it to the final round but did not. This year's winner will only be a runner-up to someone who should have won.

Mallory Baker
2010 Ole Miss Graduate

Dear editor,
First, may I say a quick

"Thank You!" to Mr. Dickson for opening this topic up for conversation/debate. I am a huge fan of Rob Bell and have read everything he has published, and when my wife told me that he had a new book out, I sprung to life to try and figure out all the details.

While initially I was just looking for information that the publisher had released regarding the book, I ended up finding way more than I was looking for. It was upsetting to see so much unravel from a book that no one has read yet.

From there I could track it down to people using social networking sites to express their opinions and eager to call this man out saying that he doesn't quote scripture and remarking questionably to the fact that he is a pastor.

Again, having read Rob Bell's books, I know that he does quote scripture and uses it to back up all of his claims. The truth we need to bestow is that we really don't know anything.

There are some things in the Christian faith that we can hold to be concrete but other things are open for debate.

How small do we think God is if he only presents one option to us and we all have to agree on it?

I do believe very strongly that Jesus Christ did and is continuing to save my life but we don't know for sure where the last line to accept him is being drawn. Is it immediately after life? Or is it in death?

No one knows for sure, and let's be willing to admit that. I promise you, Jesus Christ can still be glorified even though we don't have all the answers. He is glorified in our weaknesses.

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at Campus Walk when I get no service at all,” Curvey said. “Just the other night, in the middle of submitting homework, the Internet went out and my work was lost and I had to re-do it all.

“I think with the influx in students this year, the servers can’t handle the increase in traffic over previous years. I can’t wait to see how good the Internet will be next year with the even bigger incoming freshman class.”

A poor connection does not just affect students when it comes to school.

In the case of Suzanne O’Donnell, a junior education major, who is studying abroad at Ole Miss from Stranmills University College in Belfast, Ireland, it can determine whether or not she can stay in contact with her friends and family from back home.

“I’ve been very unimpressed by the Ole Miss Wireless Network,” O’Donnell said. “It’s really annoying not having reliable Internet connections, as it means I have no way of keeping in contact with my friends and family.”

For international students, this is a problem, as it is often their first time away from home, O’Donnell said. “It can make homesickness much worse,” O’Donnell said. “My parents get worried when they send me e-mails and I’m unable to reply, and my mobile phone doesn’t work in this country.”

While many attribute the problem to the amount of people in a single area who are using the Internet at the same

time, other universities don’t seem to have that problem.

Kristin Johnson, a senior secondary education major at the University of Alabama, doesn’t experience problems with her on-campus Internet.

“I never have a problem connecting, and staying connected to the Internet,” Johnson said. “Our professors never experience problems during class. The only time that I experience problems is during finals, when everyone is using it.”

Carson Hurt, senior accounting major at Auburn University, agrees with Johnson.

“My on-campus wireless Internet generally works pretty well,” Hurt said. “The Internet is very rarely down, my professors never have problems connecting to websites in class, and I also never experience any problems with the speed of major websites.”

Ole Miss wireless recently began using Cisco Systems and its equipment to run the on-campus wireless. With it came the Cisco Network Admission Control Agent, one of the biggest complaints among students.

With NAC, you have to sign in every time you access on-campus Internet. Students like Curvey and O’Donnell sometimes can’t even get onto the Internet because the NAC login will time out.

NAC also keeps students from being able to connect online with their gaming systems, like Xbox Live.

Robin Miller, director of Technical Services, said she does not believe that the on-



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Senior civil engineering majors Henry Olivi, left, and Nick Provenzo use the wireless internet as they work on homework at the library on Thursday. While Provenzo was able to get on the network this time he says he frequently has trouble getting on the network using the CISCO Clean Access Agent.

campus wireless is that bad.

“The general feedback I get concerning the usability and availability of wireless service for on campus use is positive,” Miller said. “Our goal is to deliver a quality service to this campus. As such it is very important that users report their problems with very specific details.”

Miller said that a student should report the device he is using, its operating system, location and what the student is trying to do, such as stream video, play games or use Facebook.

Connectability is another issue students should report, such as the ability to connect and the speed of the connec-

tion, Miller said.

“There are many layers and components to a network system,” Miller said.

“These are quite diverse and vary widely across a large enterprise network such as ours. Even more complex are the workings of the Internet once you leave the control of our campus wireless network.”

Miller said she encourages students to let administrators know if they believe there are problems with the on-campus Internet.

“For some time we have enlisted the help of select students across campus who agreed to provide us with specific information related to their experience using wireless,” Miller

said.

“We are very interested in hearing from all users and need their detailed input.”

The Internet at Brigham Young University — Idaho is “excellent” and “fast,” said student Cyndie Robinson. Robinson, a junior zoology major, believes that no university should have a problem with its wireless network.

“A university has a duty to provide its students with functioning Internet capabilities, especially if they are going to use Internet testing and other Internet resources as essential parts of the courses,” Robinson said.

“To offer anything less is a huge mistake on their part.”

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BY KATE NICOLE COOPER
The Daily Mississippian

With an Oxford store and two other locations, Amy Head Cosmetics is a business that has worked its way up to become a successful beauty store.

Originally from Macon, owner Amy Head said she has always enjoyed art and grew up painting.

“My mother would set up still-lives, and my sister and I would paint,” she said. “I guess I should say I’ve always been visually analytical naturally.”

As for makeup, she said she knew color at an early age but assumed that everyone did, so her passion for that was not an immediate spark. But while working as a model, her love for makeup surfaced.

“Modeling was a key to waking my mind up to makeup,” she said. “My own face was being projected in order to sell a product, but at the time I wasn’t feeling particularly good about myself. You’ve got to feel confident to do that work, and I just wasn’t.”

While Head’s confidence was not at an all-time high, an incident with her makeup during photo shoot sparked her desire for what she refers to as, “painting.”

“I’d had a terrible makeup

job at a very important photo shoot; it was a shoot for a cover,” she said. “The way (the makeup artist) did my face, I’ll never forget it. My lips looked very thin. My eyes looked close together and smaller; it was just terrible. You would think that everyone hired as a makeup artist would be good. It was very confusing to me.”

To correct the mistake, she took the makeup off and did it herself.

“I’d never done my own makeup. My thinking shifted like it was at that moment,” she said. “When I saw what went wrong with my features, it helped me understand what I needed to do with them.”

At that moment she realized that she wanted to be a makeup artist.

“I wanted to make that same difference on others,” she said. “So my husband Harold, being a photographer, allowed me to continue to experiment with my own face and play with the power of illusion. I then began to grab every face I could find, and I saw how it affected them on the outside, as well as the

inside.”

After that, Head said she never looked back. Her laboratory was her husband’s photography studio and a fishing tackle box full of supplies, where she would practice on anyone she could find.

Head said her clients wanted to know how she did it because she made their faces look so natural with makeup. She described working with them as “painting” saying that applying makeup is an art.

“Business-wise, there was the gold because if I could teach them, and they had the makeup to do it, that was the focus of the business idea,” Head said. “That’s what led us to realize that I needed my own paints.”

In the late ‘90s, as Head’s business was growing, her company received a dream offer for most fashion and makeup entrepreneurs: High-end department store Saks Fifth Avenue sought Amy Head Cosmetics as their new, rising makeup store.

“The 90s was the beginning of the makeup realm,” Head said. “Saks helped jump-start

careers of other makeup entrepreneurs, such as Bobbi Brown and Trish McEvoy, and I was one of them in a very small way.”

Head said Saks Incorporated contacted her and wanted her to make an exclusive makeup line.

However, after a year of consulting and drawing up plans and contracts, there was one final meeting and a contract that the department store needed to sign.

“This contract basically said that they could not take our idea and do it with someone else; it was our intellectual property, but they wouldn’t sign it.”

She told them she appreciat-

ed the opportunity but would have to turn it down.

“I remember saying, ‘I guess we’ll go now,’” Head said. “So we decided to do this ourselves, our way. I’ve learned to be glad for closed doors.”

“Since the incident with Saks, I’ve learned that department store contracts can be wretched; you can actually go broke with them the way they’re so demanding.”

Shortly after Saks, Head said they had an opportunity with a store in Birmingham.

Since that door has opened, they have expanded to two more stores in Oxford and Ridgeland. The Oxford location is located off the Square at 301 South Lamar Blvd.

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An overlooked portion of a generation gets a voice

BY FRANCES ALLISON
The Daily Mississippian

History is not just war stories, elections and legislation. It is also about the stories of untold numbers of women who just “made do” during difficult times.

This was the lesson in a reading hosted by The Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies entitled “Making Do: Mississippi Women’s Voices from Depression-Era America,” which took place Wednesday night at the Ford Center.

Elizabeth Payne and five of her doctoral students interviewed hundreds of women from Union county who came of age during the Great Depression.

These five students went to Union to interview these women of varied ethnicity and came away with hundreds of stories, often becoming close with the women they interviewed.

Payne said she was impressed by the skills the women gained during this time.

“As a generation, they were so resourceful,” Payne said.

She said it is obvious that women during this time period dealt with the hands they were given.

Payne also said she chose to gather recollections from the women of north Mississippi because oral histories in this area had been predominantly of white men.

At Wednesday’s event, Payne’s students read a selected interview and there was a discussion

following all of the readings. The project was named “Reading Women Back into History.”

The interviews were conducted in 2005-2006, and the process of developing this project is ongoing. Wendy Smith, one of the doctoral students, believes that these stories will be long-lasting.

“It is very important that we have their story and their voice,” Smith said.

The interviews revealed that the Great Depression was a time of simplicity. Jill Newell-Smith, another doctoral student, actually interviewed her mother for the project.

“The simplicity was such a beautiful thing to me,” Newell-Smith said.

Some of the students chose to read a certain interview because of the connection they felt, but Newell-Smith did it to honor her mother. Each interview had a completely different character from the next.

Macy Ferrell.

One of the interviewees recalled her behavior around her mother when she was a young child.

“If you were sassy, they’d use a switch on you,” Ferrell said. “There was one thing my mother couldn’t stand, and that was a sassy child.”

Newell-Smith said it is important to realize that everybody has a story, and every story is important.

All of the interviews can be found at www.sarahisomcenter.org/readingwomen.

Chick-fil-A executive talks ethics

BY AMBER HELSEL
The Daily Mississippian

Chick-fil-A executive Bill Dunphy, who is director of coastal operations for the company, spoke to University of Mississippi students Thursday night about the company and practicing ethics in business.

Dunphy said he believes that businesses should be about purpose and people.

He said Chick-fil-A in particular wants to know its customer base.

“Leadership is about serving, not being served,” Dunphy said.

Purpose, Dunphy said, is the most important aspect of running a business, but he added that purpose goes beyond the business world.

“I think purpose is important for a business, but I also think it’s important to us

personally,” Dunphy said. “I would encourage you to think about what the purpose of your life is.”

The company’s purpose is “that we might glorify God by being a faithful steward in all that is entrusted to our care, and that we might have a positive influence on all the people that we might come in contact with,” Dunphy said.

Dunphy, who has been with Chick-fil-A for 17 years, spoke about the history of Chick-fil-A during his speech.

The company has been around since the 1940s when Truett and Ben Cathy opened The Dwarf House.

“In 1963, there was a sandwich contest,” Dunphy said. “His idea was a boneless, skinless breast of chicken on a hamburger bun, and he entered that in the contest. He didn’t even get an honorable

mention.”

However, in 1967, Cathy took his idea of the chicken sandwich and opened Chick-fil-A at Greenbrier Mall in Atlanta, Ga.

“Today, we opened our 1,544th and 1,545th restaurant,” Dunphy said.

Chick-fil-A, which has been around for 44 years, is privately owned and is still in the hands of the Cathy family.

Chick-fil-A has continued to grow since opening in 1967 and is expected to keep growing.

The company hopes to eventually expand overseas. Also, Chick-fil-A recently opened their first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certified Chick-fil-A in Dallas.

Truett Cathy, founder of the company, will be 90 years old next week.



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The Southern Experience: an exchange year at Ole Miss

BY CAROLINE JOHANSSON
Special to the DM

My first thought when I got on the plane in Copenhagen last year was “Why do I keep doing this to myself?”

I know the answer: I am a restless person.

If I stay too long in one place I start fidgeting, wanting to see new places, meet new people, learn new things and explore how many hardships I can handle.

The first time I left my home country of Sweden, I could not wait to get away. I was tired of everyone knowing each other. No one was a true stranger because they either knew your parents, siblings, cousins, third cousins, friends, classmates or neighbors.

Many people find that charming, but at 19, I found it suffocating. I needed to get away, and so I did. I started at a university in Scotland and have been moving around ever since.

My first thought when I arrived in Memphis and got off the plane was, “I’m going to pass out before I get to Oxford.”

The heat and the humidity were too much for a girl wearing black jeans, sneakers and a long-sleeved sweater.

When I left Copenhagen it was 60 degrees and raining. Memphis was sunny with blue skies – and 97 degrees.

Sweden has lovely summers, but if the temperature goes beyond 90 degrees, it is considered a miracle, and people will

start complaining it is too hot.

My first week at Ole Miss, I had a campus map glued to my hand. The buildings all looked the same, and I stared at students who found their way, giving them the evil eye for finding everything so effortlessly.

I soon realized that most of my courses took place in Farley Hall, and I learned to use the Grove as a landmark.

If I saw a lot of trees and grass, my building was close.

When my classes started, I realized the attendance policy was different from my university in Scotland.

One professor told us, “If you miss one class, I’ll deduct 10 points from your final grade.”

In Scotland, we have lectures, seminars and — in some modules (courses) — labs. We take three modules each semester, and in each module, we have two lectures and one seminar.

You have to attend the seminars. You may miss two of them, but after the third you will fail the module.

The lectures, well, they are also different. Although the professors would like you to attend, they do not actually check if you show up or not. This usually leaves the lectures empty, especially early in the morning or late in the afternoon.

In the beginning, I found it annoying having to go to class every day. My second year in Scotland, I had Wednesdays and Fridays off. I guess I got a bit spoiled.



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Exchange students get to experience fun in the Grove.

I decided before I came here to try to experience as much as possible: Make new friends, try new food and see new things and places.

Of course, football was one of the things I had to experience.

I loved going to the games. The first time I went, I did not understand a thing. I looked around wondering why people screamed and cheered when nothing happened on the scoreboard.

I am a football — well, soc-

cer to most Americans — girl, OK?

Eventually I did start to understand the rules, and the games suddenly became much more fun to watch.

But adapting to Southern culture has involved a lot more than sports.

One sentence has become a mantra amongst exchange students when people ask what the food is like in Mississippi: Everything is fried.

I have tried catfish (like it), iced sweet tea (love it) and

hush puppies (still not sure what they are). I learned from a friend that food is supposed to “stick to your ribs,” or it isn’t food at all.

So why do I keep putting myself in situations where I do not know people or places?

Because I believe it makes me a better person.

By leaving what is known and safe, I make new friends and experience new cultures. I learn patience, understanding and accepting people for who they are.

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The Weekly Top Zen: Unions & Charlie Sheen

BY ANDY PAUL
The Daily Mississippian

The American deficit is bad news bears; no one disagrees about that. China owns the majority of our debt, just as we seem to own the majority of its lead-laced children's toys. For reference, see "Paint-Chip Accessory Barbie."

Both Republicans and Democrats refuse to seek a moderate, co-operative plan of action to restore our economic stability and esteem. Undoubtedly, there is a long road ahead of us, made all the more difficult by the recent onset of vertigo from all those lead fumes.

Members on both sides of the aisle have suggested deep, lasting cuts on various institutions and programs in the last few months as a means of helping offset the economic crisis.

Thankfully, none of these suggestions include nixing self-righteous soapbox manufacturing, so my current career remains intact. Sadly, I cannot say the same for those involved with labor and

teaching unions.

Many around me have sided with absolving long-standing unions, arguing that they are outdated, impractical and detrimental to our nation's economic progress.

I, unfortunately, cannot say that this is a small, quiet and completely unsupported argument in America. Despite recent polls that show that over 60 percent of Americans support union rights, media outlets vilify these organizations as being responsible for many of our country's financial problems.

It is sort of like Charlie Sheen blaming cocaine for forcing itself up his nostrils. The cocaine was just sitting there, hoping for its worker's comp check, and then suddenly it was being blamed for the wealthiest Americans' troubles financing their third Porsche. Cocaine never asked to be consumed by disillusioned, greedy sociopaths as a quick fix for their troubles, and neither did organized labor.

Some of the most ardent supporters of this current plan are Libertarian all-stars Ron and Rand

Paul (no relation to me, thank God).

Instead of voting against Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthiest two percent in the country, which would save billions upon billions of dollars, they saw through organized labor for the true, ungrateful elitists they really are.

Pardon me for being about as blunt as Charlie Sheen's coke-enrusted razor blade (I think I have reached my quota for overused celebrity jabs), but it seems like every college kid thinks that throwing out terms like "free market economy" earns them the right to both support these irrational, dangerous politicians, as well as consider themselves economic authorities.

As a side note, readers, were you aware that in a number of Ron Paul's official newsletters from the 90s, he would often spout such racist gems as calling Martin Luther King, Jr. Day "Hate Whitey Day" and claimed that the 1992 Los Angeles riots stopped only "when it came time for blacks to pick up their welfare checks"?

The more you know!

Glossed-over racist horror-quotes aside, I have recently heard the claim that unions are relics from the 19th and 20th centuries, since any political policy past the 2000 election is clearly in need of serious revision.

Except, of course, the Constitution.

I've said before that I'm the strictest of Libertarians — unless you are a white, land-owning male from the original 13 colonies, I think it is best that you stay at your rented house on election days.

These opinions show a serious disconnect from any realistic discourse that might move the country forward from the atrocious policies of the recent past, but they also illustrate a complete lack of historic understanding. Claiming that unions are unnecessary because strikes from groups like the Writers Guild of America get in the way of your favorite NBC crime dramas misses the whole point of a labor union.

For reference, I suggest that de-

tractors refer to such films as "Harlan County, USA" for a refresher course on why unions are important in our society.

If you do not have two hours to spare watching abused workers in America's heartland, well, I can't say I blame you.

Allow me to summarize: Unions are an integral part of any industrialized society which aims to protect its citizens from Dickensian-era exploitation from big businesses.

The problems in the system do not reside in the workers' wage, health care and collective bargaining expectations, but in the corporations who demonize and misrepresent their employees to turn a profit, all while under the guise of helping fill the little man's pockets.

By the time the little man sees his pockets contain nothing but lint, he has no voice in the matter because the unions have gone the way of Sheen's career (three strikes, I'm out).

Alright, someone help me down from this soapbox. All this lead paint is making me nauseous.



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One Mississippi moving forward

BY KYNDALL COX
The Daily Mississippian

Racial unity is constantly up for discussion around the University of Mississippi.

One on-campus group is working to put action to that discussion.

"The main purpose of One Mississippi is to eliminate One Mississippi," member Lennie Patterson, a sophomore public policy leadership major, said. "We want the final product of this group to be a more unified and understanding Ole Miss so that there won't be a need for One Mississippi."

The organization was founded four years ago when the University needed a group of students to help with a racial conflict on campus. Even after the resolution, students still saw a need for One Mississippi.

"One Mississippi is about bringing people together, no matter if you're black or white, gay or straight, big or small," Qua Sayles, a freshman Arabic major, said. "It doesn't matter; we are all people."

Members of the group saw a need to get away from the pressures of campus life. The One Mississippi Retreat was born to allow students to focus on what needed to be done to improve racial relations at Ole Miss.

"Being off campus really gives people the opportunity to feel comfortable with others and open up with subject matter like this," Sayles said. "It's important that we feel comfortable with each other."

This past weekend, a myriad



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of students of every race, religion and gender from all over the campus and the country went on a retreat at Lake Tiak O'Khata in Louisville.

Even in such a serene setting, the atmosphere was still somewhat uncomfortable.

Every student was asked to record his hopes and fears in journals and then had to share them with the entire group.

"At first, I was apprehensive about opening up to a group of people I didn't know, but we were all there for the same reason, so I just let go," Sayles said.

The retreat featured sessions that encouraged students to dig deep down and tell things that have shaped them into who they are today.

"It was basically summer camp with therapy," Nathaniel Weathersby, a freshman journalism major, said. "By the end, everyone had cried at least once."

The retreat was not all tears and

sadness. Poems were read, and the participants analyzed them to see how they could apply them to their lives.

"It was really uplifting getting to hear everyone's stories, and it made everyone human, not just the shells of people that we are used to," Patterson said.

"We really worked on how we could take everything that we learned there, and how we could apply them at the University and attempt to create unity around campus," Weathersby said.

Now that the group is back on campus, they are working on different projects to promote their goals. This will include a one-day retreat and an International Day to promote acceptance of all international cultures on campus.

Anyone interested in helping out or becoming a member of One Mississippi can visit the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation in Vardaman Hall for more information.

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By GARRY TRUDEAU

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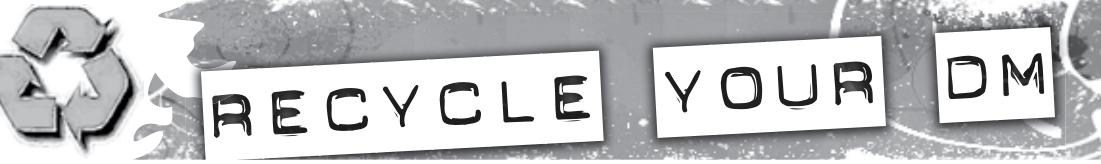
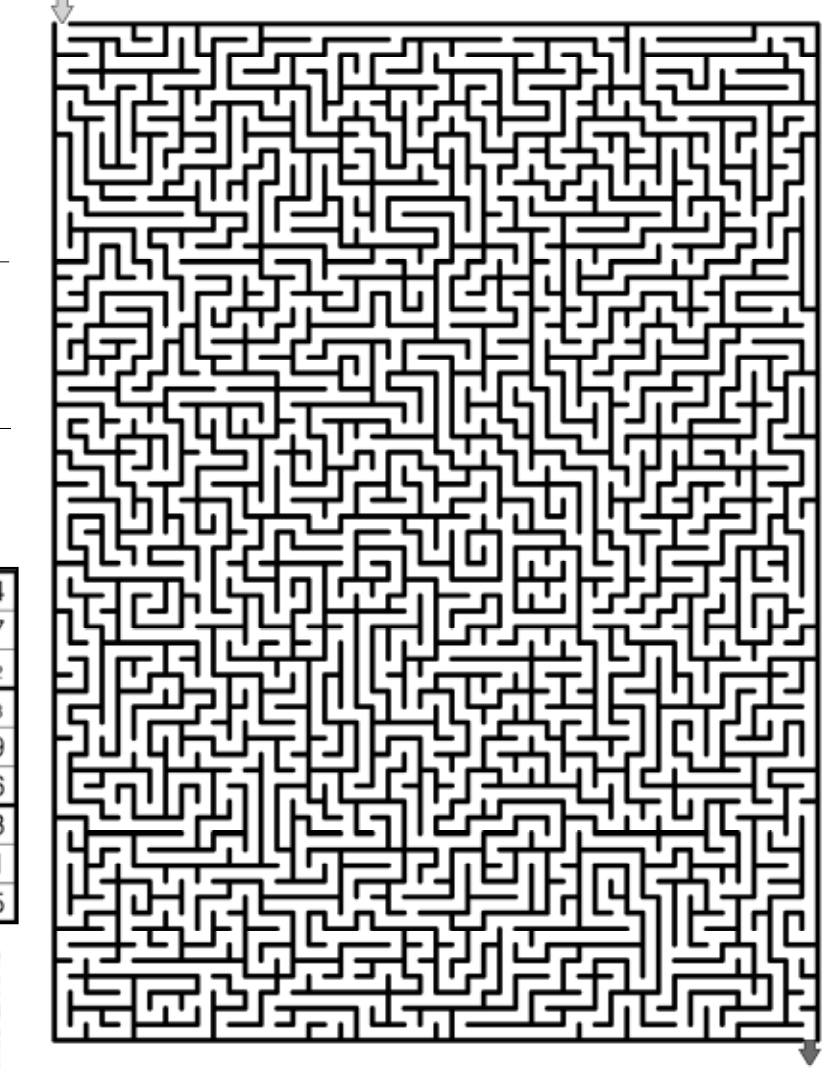
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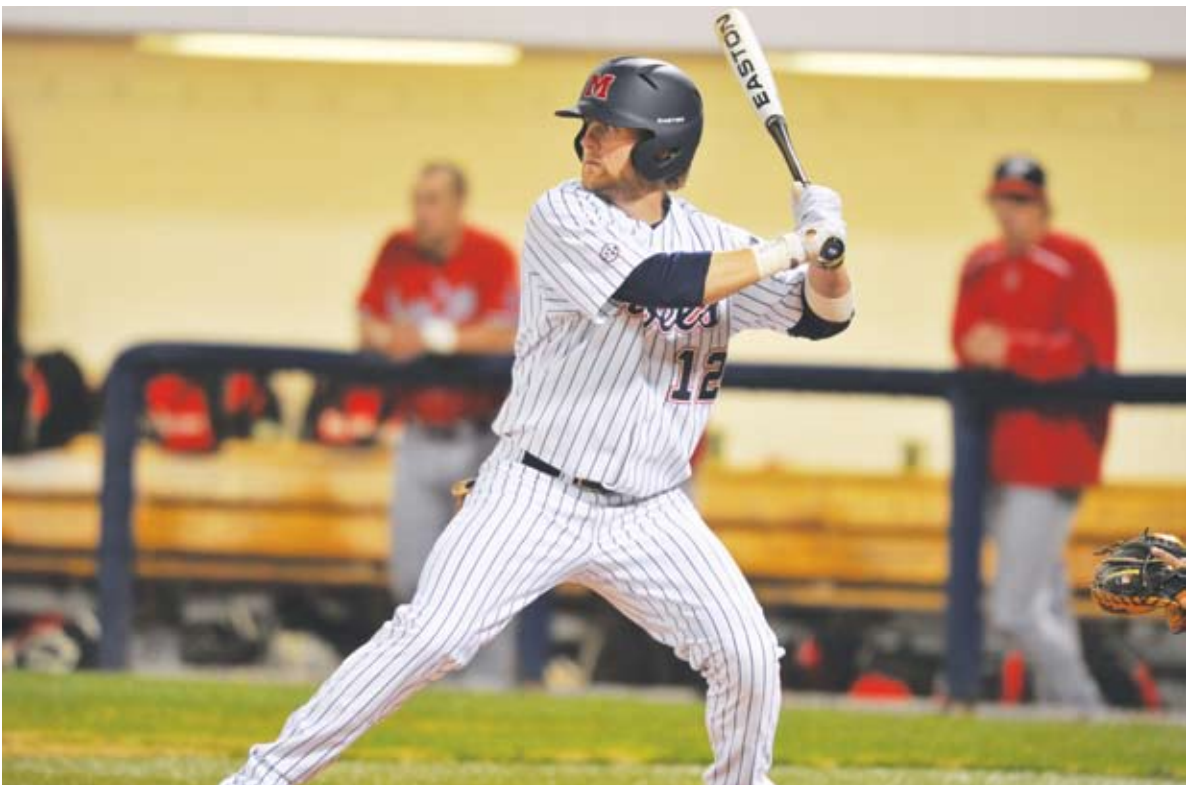
Tulane has struggled at the plate with a .220 team batting average and only two home runs for the season, but has been dominant on the mound with a 2.25 pitching staff ERA, led by senior right-hander Conrad Flynn.

Flynn, a three-year weekend starter, has a 1.38 ERA in two starts this season and will likely take the mound on Friday night. He got the start against Drew Pomeranz in last year's Friday night game and took the loss as he gave up three runs on eight hits in six innings of work. Junior right-hander Robby Broach and freshman right-hander Randy LeBlanc are the probable starters on Saturday and Sunday for Tulane.

Junior catcher Jeremy Schaf-

fer leads the Green Wave with a .394 batting average, and senior outfielder Nick Boullosa is second on the team with a .345 batting average. Sophomore shortstop Garrett Cannizaro, a freshman all-conference honoree from last year and a pre-season all-conference pick this year, is batting only .212 entering this weekend's series.

"On the mound, they've been tremendous. Flynn, their Friday (starter) returns — a senior — was really good last year. He locked up with (Drew) Pomeranz last," Bianco said. "When you look at their numbers on the mound, they've been terrific. They got the two hitters that are hitting over .300, but then after that, they've struggled a little bit. But it's early and you never know when hitters are go-



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Sophomore Tanner Mathis is one of four batters to have a batting average over .400. The Rebel's next game is scheduled for today at 6:30 p.m when they will open a three-game weekend series against Tulane.

Rebel Netters begin 2011 SEC season

BY JOHN HOLT
The Daily Mississippian

After completing an undefeated non-conference portion of their schedule, the Ole Miss men's tennis team (5-2) begins Southeastern Conference play this weekend.

The Rebels do so this afternoon against No. 12 Kentucky (11-3) in a match set for 2 p.m. at the Palmer/Salloum Tennis Center.

On Sunday, things don't get any easier for Ole Miss when the team welcomes No. 22 Vanderbilt (8-2) to town.

"I'm really excited for this weekend," freshman Johan Backstrom said. "These matches are the ones I've been waiting for. I've heard that both (Kentucky and Vanderbilt) are great. It's going to be tough, but it will also be a lot of fun."

The Rebels split a pair of meetings with the Wildcats last season. Kentucky, ranked No. 8 at the time,

defeated Ole Miss 5-2 in Lexington in March 2010, but weeks later the Rebels got revenge with an upset win over the Wildcats to advance to the semifinals of the SEC Tournament.

Kentucky is led by junior All-American Eric Quigley, ranked No. 5 in the nation in singles. But despite Quigley's high ranking, Ole Miss junior All-American Marcel Thiemann has defeated the Wildcat player in two of their most recent meetings.

On Sunday the Rebels face an opponent in Vanderbilt that they have defeated six consecutive times. Even though the Rebels have gotten the best of the Commodores recently, Ole Miss coach Billy Chadwick said his team can't afford to take Vandy for granted.

"Vanderbilt is one of the most improved teams in the country," Chadwick said. "This is the best team they've had under coach (Ian)

Duvenhage, and they've got a win over Michigan and a couple of other top-25 teams. Without question, it's going to be another tough match."

For Chadwick, finding success during SEC play is imperative for the Rebels to move up in the national rankings.

"If we want to move into the top 10 we've got to take care of business," Chadwick said.

Lady Netters hit road

While the Ole Miss men's team is in Oxford this weekend for the start of SEC play, the Rebel Lady Netters (5-2) open up conference play on the road against the same opponents as the men: Kentucky and No. 10 Vanderbilt.

Ole Miss, on a three-match winning streak, is led by junior All-American Kristi Boxx along with seniors Connor Vogel and Laura van de Stroet — both 2010 All-SEC Team selections.



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year.

I guess one could also say that the Rebels are playing for the No. 3 seed out of the West in the upcoming SEC Tournament, but that's only minimally exciting, and no real accomplishment.

It's hard to get excited about missing a bye and playing on Thursday, after which, should they even beat South Carolina, the Rebels would have to play the second-place team out of the East.

While Ole Miss did beat Kentucky, their chances of making it to semifinals Saturday appear slim at best, given the caliber of competition it can expect to make if it even makes it into the quarterfinals.

Then there's National Invitation Tournament seeding to consider, if the Rebels even make it.

No team has as its goal making the NIT, so it's really tough to find interest in winning to maximize your prospects in the nation's premier consolation tournament.

But, maybe the Rebels can make it their goal to finish strong enough to host an NIT game.

It would be nice, though, to send out seniors Chris Warren and Zach Graham on a high note, so that's something.

Senior night is always a big game for any player, and I wouldn't imagine it would be any different for Warren and

Graham. It'd be nice for them to win what looks to be their last game in the Tad Pad.


But, at this point, the Rebels are really just playing for pride, which can be a tough pill to swallow.

Warren and Graham need to prepare and play the best they can so that they finish their Ole Miss basketball careers on as high a note as possible.

The other players have to be committed to finishing this season as strongly as possible, while hoping that a good finish to this season can positively affect their offseason preparation and the 2011-12 campaign.

Other than that, there really isn't too much left to play for.

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Saturday's game against Arkansas is scheduled to be the last home game for senior Zach Graham.

Motivation minimal for Ole Miss hoops

BY REID BARRINEAU
Columnist

I don't really know what to say anymore.
I try to find something about each and every game that makes it interesting, such as a winning streak, an opportunity for a signature win or its relevance

to the postseason.
But it's really hard to do that with Saturday's Ole Miss vs. Arkansas contest.
The Rebels 18-12 (6-9 Southeastern Conference) aren't playing for anything that would be a substantive achievement when the Razorbacks visit Oxford on Saturday.

After an embarrassing loss at Auburn Wednesday, perhaps the worst of the season, Ole Miss is playing to avoid a ten-loss season in SEC play, which would be especially embarrassing considering the strength, or lack thereof, of the West this

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Diamond Rebs welcome Tulane to town

BY AUSTIN MILLER
The Daily Mississippian

Fresh off a two-game mid-week series sweep of Austin Peay, the Diamond Rebels (9-1) open a three-game weekend series against the Tulane Green Wave (7-2). Game time for Friday's series opener is set for 6:30 p.m., while Saturday's game starts at 12 p.m. and Sunday's game at 1:30 p.m. Last season, Ole Miss took two out of three from Tulane in New Orleans.
"('Tulane) is always a very well-coached team," Ole Miss coach Mike Bianco said. "Coach (Rick) Jones is one of the best coaches in the country and has always had a lot of success and certainly a team that was ranked in the top 25 and expects to be in the postseason. It's probably our biggest challenge to this point."
For the second straight year, Ole Miss has started the season 9-1, behind a .325 team batting average and a 3.36 pitching staff ERA. Four bat-

ters — junior shortstop Blake Newalu, junior Zach Kirksey, junior Matt Snyder and sophomore Tanner Mathis — have a batting average over .400. Meanwhile junior left-hander Matt Crouse, the Rebels' Friday starter, leads the weekend rotation with a 2-0 record and 2.77 ERA.
"Before the season — I know it doesn't matter — they were a top 25 team, so they obviously have some guys on the team that can do the work," junior designated hitter Matt Snyder said. "They're going to come in here and definitely make us play well. After tonight, if we just keep this momentum, I think we will be alright against ('Tulane)."
Tulane, No. 25 in Baseball America's preseason poll and picked fifth in the Conference USA preseason poll, rides a five-game winning streak into Oxford. Five of the Green Wave's seven wins have come

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